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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Patent Application of :  
Mariko Miyashita *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1641  
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Filed: October 20, 1999 :  
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For: SAMPLE TREATING KIT AND SAMPLE : Attorney Docket  
TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME : No. 10059-308  
FOR ANALYSIS WITH A BIOSENSOR : (P21541-01)

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 6) dated November 2, 2000, please consider the following remarks and amendments. This response is timely filed by February 2, 2001.

**In the Claims:**

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Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend claims 2 and 4-7 as follows:

A1  
~~2. (Amended) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with [claim 1] claim 8, wherein said control means has a catalyst located inside said instrument, said catalyst being a catalyst converting an interfering substance in said sample solution to a harmless substance having no adverse effect on the measurement results.~~

A2  
~~4. (Amended) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with [claim 1] claim 8, wherein said control means has an adsorbent located inside said instrument, said adsorbent being an adsorbent adsorbing and removing an interfering substance in said sample solution.~~

~~5. (Amended) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with [claim 1] claim 8, wherein said control means has a buffer agent located inside said instrument, wherein~~